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MEDIA ADVISORY

Sewer leak discovered in Atlantic City on the Bader Field site closest to Route 40/Albany Avenue. Residents are urged to reduce water consumption during installation of the bypass system.

On Saturday, April 18, 2020, Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA) learned of a failure in its 30" force main that services the Downbeach communities, as well as the Chelsea Heights section of AC and Seaview Harbor Marina in Egg Harbor Township. The location of the leak is on the Bader Field site closest to Route 40/Albany Avenue (Beach Thorofare area).

- ACUA's emergency contractor, Arthur Henry, was on the site within hours and will begin preparing the site first thing Monday, April 20, so a bypass system can be installed.
- This bypass will contain and redirect the flow so that the force main can be repaired. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) was notified immediately and local health departments and office of emergency management are aware of the situation and involved.
- ACUA experienced a similar leak on this line in September 2017, and immediately following the repair, commenced design and permitting for the replacement of the entire line. The design is completed, and ACUA was set to advertise for bids upon receipt of the final permits from NJDEP and other regulatory agencies. The receipt of all requisite permits was anticipated to occur within the next month. Notwithstanding the permit timeframe, ACUA will invoke the ultimate repair as set forth in the design plans currently under review.
- ACUA is requesting that residents and businesses located in Longport, Margate, Ventnor and the Chelsea Heights section of Atlantic City, as well as Seaview Harbor, conserve water to help alleviate and minimize flow through the force main

Who: Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA)

What: A failure in an underground 30" force main resulted in a sewer leak.

When: Saturday, April 18, 2020

Where: The location of the leak is on the Bader Field site closest to Route 40/Albany Avneue (Beach Thorofare area). This main services the Downbeach communities, as well as the Chelsea Heights section of AC and Seaview Harbor Marina in Egg Harbor Township.

Additional Details: Although the area is closed for shell fishing, it is utilized by recreational anglers. ACUA is working with local officials to notify marinas, tackle shops and private dock owners.